

This handout is written only as a guide; it is not intended nor shall it be considered a complete set of requirements. Information sheets are available at the City's website at IGHMN.gov.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. Contact Gopher State One Call at (651) 454-0002 or www.gopherstateonecall.org for protection against underground utility damage. Contact Gopher State One Call 48 hours before you intend to dig.

The current Minnesota State Building Code is available on the Department of Labor and Industry website.

PERMITS

A permit is required for any fence installation.

APPLICATION SUBMITTALS

Per Application/Per Property Address

Applications are submitted online. Fees will be paid upon application approval.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Fence Permit Application Form.
- Site Map (showing the proposed fence location).

FENCE STANDARDS

- Fence shall not extend beyond your property line.
- The exterior or finished side of the fence must face the outside or away from the property being fenced.
- The maximum fence height is 7 feet, except as stated below:
 - Front Yard: The maximum fence height is 42 inches with 75% of its area open for clear visibility, i.e., chain link.
 - Corner Lot: To maintain traffic visibility at intersections, fences located on the outside corner of the lot shall not exceed 42 inches in height. The fence must have at least 75% of its area open for clear visibility.
 - The outside corner is a triangular shaped area formed by the property lines (of each street right-of-way) and a line between the points measured 30 feet in each direction from the lot corner along the property lines.
 - No solid fences closer than fifteen (15) feet from the face of the curb.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Where can I build my fence?

- Side and back yard -
 - A fence may be placed up to your property line if it does not interfere with easements that may be on your property.
- Front and corner lots -
 - A fence may be placed on or within 30 feet of your property line if it is 42 inches or less in height. Any fence taller than 42 inches must be 30 feet or more from the front property line. Please note that property lines along roadways are located at the street right-of-way, not the curb.
- Fences cannot be placed in the public right-of-way.
- Generally, the minimum distance for a solid fence, more than 42 inches in height, must be 30 feet from the front property line.

Where is my property line?

- The following steps can assist in determining where they are located:
 - Contact a State Licensed Surveyor (fees associated)
 - Contact the Inspections Department to determine if there is a survey on file, 651-450-2550, or permits@ighmn.gov
 - Check for property line markers (metal stakes) in the ground. A metal detector can assist in locating these.
 - Utilize Dakota County's [online property information search](#) to find a aerial view of your property lines.

What materials can my fence be made of?

- Metal
- Decay resistant materials
- Wood fence panels
- Masonry
- Chain link (must have a top rail and posts spaced no more than 10 feet apart)
- Barbed wire and any other materials that prove dangerous or hazardous are **NOT** allowed in residential zoned districts.

Do I need a fence if I have a pool?

- All pools, hot tubs, spas, and other water tanks that are more than 20 inches in depth require a fence.
 - Exceptions:
 - The pool has a powered or lockable safety cover that complies with ASTM 1346 standard.
 - Above ground pools that are 14 feet or less in diameter with a wall 48 inches or greater if the wall cannot be readily climbed by children (e.g. removable ladder).



PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

City of Inver Grove Heights
8150 Barbara Avenue
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
651-450-2550
permits@ighmn.gov

Permit Application

Site Address: _____

Owners Name: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Work:

Fence

Pool Above Ground

Description of Work: _____

Setbacks: Front: _____ Back: _____

Right Side: _____ Left Side: _____

Height: _____

Valuation (include labor): _____

Drawing of Site Plan Attached?

Yes No

Fees attached: Yes No

I hereby apply for a Permit and I acknowledge that the information above is complete and accurate; that the work will be in compliance with the ordinances and codes of the City of Inver Grove Heights and with the Minnesota Building Code; that I understand that this is not a permit but only an application for a permit and work is not to start without a permit; that the work will be in accordance with the approved plan in the case of all work which requires review and approval of plans. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read this application and the above information is correct and accurate. Applicant also understands by signing this application that he/she could be held responsible as representative of this project for any violation of compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances of the City of Inver Grove Heights.

BY CHECKING THIS BOX, I HEREBY AGREE TO ALL STATEMENTS HEREIN AND SUBMIT MY SIGNATURE ELECTRONICALLY TO THIS FORM.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

NOTICE: This is an application only. Permit will be issued after City approval and payment of fees.

For Office Use Only Below This Line

Planning Approval _____
DATE

Occupancy Classification _____

Fire Marshal Approval _____
DATE

Special Conditions _____

Building Approval _____
DATE

Is Planning Commission approval required? Yes _____ No _____ if so, date approved: _____ 20 ____

Date fees paid: _____ 20 ____

Date of issue: _____ 20 ____

Issued by: _____